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Regarding the Microsoft settlement, I do not believe that the current proposal provides adequate reparations to those injured by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior. Hundred, even thousands, of small companies have ceased to exist over the decades because of Microsoft's business practices.

Similar to the settlement against AT&T, Microsoft should become a government regulated Monopoly, until its market share drops to an acceptable level (40%, for example, assuming one of it's competitors is now also at 40%). This must be true for all Microsoft product lines, before regulation is lifted.

I am sending this email by Microsoft Hotmail, on a Windows 98 machine, in a fully Windows office. I support the company, but I strongly believe that Microsoft's repeated use and abuse of their overwhelmingly controlling monopoly has hurt my business (MS-DOS, Forcing computer manufacturers to pre-install OS, Internet Explorer, et al), and my future, by the sheer fact that I cannot choose any other OS. My freedom to pick and choose the most competent and advanced Operating System has been taken away from me by the de facto standard that Microsoft employs. All of this has been shown in a court of law. Microsoft has been shown guilty; therefore Microsoft should face the consequences.

Even after being found guilty of being an illegal monopoly, Microsoft's behavior has not changed. Introduction of WinXP (full of bugs and premature to avoid DOJ injunction), the upcoming .NET initiative, and the continual use of economics of scale, to this day hamper competition. Regulation of their behavior, with the threat of severe criminal penalties for failure to comply, is the only remedy that I can see will curtail them. The market must be able to return to a state of competition.

Imagine the damage to the United States if Microsoft were to fail, as Enron failed. The risks of a monopoly are greater than merely the loss of competition.

Thank you for your time.

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